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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/820,394	BOSS ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of the invention of Group II (claims 7-9) on 05/22/06 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
2. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 10-12 which were drawn to the non-elected inventions have been cancelled by the applicant.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because prior art fails to teach that the forward plate guide is pivotable and a hinge pin located along a pivot axis of the hinge and is adjustable by an eccentric mounting in order to set a distance between the rearward and the forward saw blade guides for matching different thickness of the saw blade as set forth in claim 7.

Regarding claim 7, Pleau et al. (5,213,020), hereinafter Pleau, teaches a circular saw machine including a saw blade and a drive shaft to which saw blade is removably and interchangeably mounted. Pleau also teaches at least one rearward and at least one forward saw blade guide that contact two side surfaces of saw blade. Pleau also teaches that saw blade guides respectively have at least one contact surface to be abutted on the respective side surface of saw blade. Pleau also teaches that forward saw blade guide is connected to the drive housing so it is removable from saw blade. Pleau also teaches that the radial distance between contact surfaces of saw blade guides is respectively adjustable in predetermined defined positions for matching different diameter of saw blades. Pleau also teaches that the

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blade guides are inherently selectable from a plurality of interchangeable plates. See Figs. 1-5 and col. 4, lines 5-60 and col. 7, lines 5-64 in Pleau. Pleau does not teach that the forward plate guide is pivotable and a hinge pin located along a pivot axis of the hinge and is adjustable by an eccentric mounting in order to set a distance between the rearward and the forward saw blade guides for matching different thickness of the saw blade as set forth in claim 7.

The reference above by itself or in combination with the other prior art cited does not teach the claimed invention set forth in claim 7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Comment

4. In view of cancellation of claim 1, 2, and 4, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ghassem Alie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4501. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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